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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q61232

Toshiki USUI

Appln. No.: 09/686,959

Group Art Unit: 2853

Confirmation No.: 5709

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For: INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS, RECORDING METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

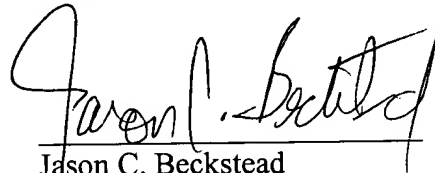
Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on September 10, 2002, for the above-identified application.

Applicants elect Species 1, figures 5-11 without traverse. Applicants believe that at least claims 1-19, 25-43, 49-68, and 74-92 read on the elected Species.

Applicant reserve the right to file Divisional Applications directed to non-elected Species 2 and 3.

Respectfully submitted,


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